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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the non-final office action mailed July 1, 2008. This response is being filed within the three-month shortened statutory period set in the office action. No fee is believed to be due in connection with the filing of this amendment. Please charge any fee that is due, and credit any overpayment, to deposit account no. 50-0573.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

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